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6. ON THE OCCURRENCE OF THE BLACKNECKED STORK [*XENORHYNCHUS ASIATICUS* (LATHAM)] IN THE BOMBAY KONKAN

On 26 February 1967, S. Chaudhuri and I stopped at the Wada Tank, Bhiwandi Taluka, Thana District, Maharashtra, to look at birds. A huge bird in a silted and reedy patch on the far side puzzled us in the distance. Upon closer approach it proved to be a Blacknecked Stork [*Xenorhynchus asiaticus* (Latham)] which, though generally said to be found all over India, does not appear to have been recorded in the Konkan, nor for that matter anywhere in the adjacent Deccan.

The nearest records are Dabka (Baroda) and Gwalior in the north and Borgampad on the Godavari, far to the east in Andhra Pradesh. In E. H. Aitkens's copy of Barnes's BIRDS OF BOMBAY however, there is a handwritten note referring to one seen at Dasgam on the Bankot River in Ratnagiri District, south of Bombay, on 4 April 1897—just 70 years ago!

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7. OCCURRENCE OF THE WRYNECK *JYNX TORQUILLA* LINNAEUS IN KERALA STATE, SOUTH INDIA

On 10 March 1967 in a fuel clearing of Red Gums on Granby Estate, Vandiperiyar P.O., Kerala State, my attention was attracted by a bird which suddenly flew out of long grass at ground level at the side of a foot-path on which I was walking.

My first impression was that it was an immature Brown Shrike, but after it had alighted in a Red Gum tree (*Eucalyptus robusta*) I was able to look at it through binoculars. Its conical pointed beak, a dark band reaching from the crown to the upper back, and another